

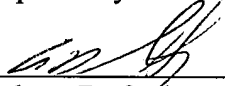
**REMARKS**

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on July 29, 2004. Claims 36-37, 39-54, and 56-70 are now pending in this application. Claims 36-37, 39-54 and 56-70 have been amended to better define Applicants' claimed invention. Specifically, claim 36 includes generic subject matter. Independent claims 53, 69 and 70 have amended to depend from generic claim 36. No new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendment.

Restriction has been required between claims 36, 39-53, 56-68 regarding a cutting tool with a cutting edge (Species 1) and claims 69 and 70 regarding an embossing tool with an embossing tool/surface (Species 2). Claim 36 has been amended into a generic claim. Applicant respectfully asserts that the restriction is no longer applicable to the pending claims.

In the alternative, Applicant hereby elects the invention of Species 1. Amended claims 36-37, 39-54 and 56-68 are believed to read on this species. It is understood that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicant will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species that are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. Examination and allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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